

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicant: Salter et al.
U.S. Serial No. 10/578,935**

**Examiner: Gitomer, Ralph
Art Unit: 1651**

**Title: INHIBITION ASSAY METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETECTION OF
ANTIBIOTICS**

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Request for Continued Examination

**Preliminary Amendment
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office's Final Office Action, dated December 11, 2009, in Serial Number 10/578,935, filed May 9, 2006, the Applicant respectfully submits the enclosed Request for Continued Examination. The Request Fee and late response fee (6th month) is included herewith. If any additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be a Petition thereof. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account 50-3152.

II. Preliminary Amendment

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-captioned application as discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.